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**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

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1. A method in a data processing system for processing an electronic mail message, the method comprising:

10 determining whether the electronic mail message for a recipient is to be forwarded to another address associated with the recipient; and

including an indicator identifying the electronic mail message as to be forwarded if the electronic mail message is to be forwarded to another address associated with the recipient.

15 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising sending the electronic mail message to the recipient after including the indicator.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicator is text 20 in a body of the electronic mail message.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicator identifies the electronic mail message as being forwarded from the another address.

25 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicator is an audio indicator.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicator is a 30 presentation of a wave file.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicator is a

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graphical indicator displayed in a body of the electronic mail message.

8. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

5 updating a billing database for including the indicator for the recipient.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicator further includes an advertisement.

10 10. A method in a data processing system for forwarding an electronic mail message, the method comprising:

receiving a signal to forward the electronic mail message to another address; and

15 including an indication in the electronic mail message that the electronic mail message is forwarded from an address.

11. A data processing system comprising:

20 a bus system;

a communications unit connected to the bus, wherein data is sent and received using the communications unit;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein a set of instructions are located in the memory; and

25 a processor unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processor unit executes the set of

instructions to determine whether the electronic mail message for a recipient is being forwarded from another address associated with the recipient and include an

30 indicator identifying the electronic mail message as being forwarded if the electronic mail message being forwarded from another address associated with the

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recipient.

12. A data processing system for processing an electronic mail message, the data processing system comprising:

5 determining means for determining whether the electronic mail message for a recipient is to be forwarded to another address associated with the recipient; and

10 including means for including an indicator identifying the electronic mail message as to be forwarded if the electronic mail message is to be forwarded to another address associated with the recipient.

15 13. The data processing system of claim 12 further comprising:

20 sending means for sending the electronic mail message to the recipient after including the indicator.

25 14. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the indicator is text in a body of the electronic mail message.

15. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the indicator identifies the electronic mail message as being forwarded from the another address.

30 16. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the indicator is an audio indicator.

17. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the

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indicator is a presentation of a wave file.

18. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the indicator is a graphical indicator displayed in a body of  
5 the electronic mail message.

19. The data processing system of claim 12 further comprising:

10 updating means for updating a billing database for including the indicator for the recipient.

20. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the indicator further includes an advertisement.

15 21. A data processing system for forwarding an electronic mail message, the data processing system comprising:

receiving means for receiving a signal to forward the electronic mail message to another address; and

20 including means for including an indication in the electronic mail message that the electronic mail message is forwarded from an address.

22. A computer program product in a computer readable  
25 medium for use in a data processing system for processing an electronic mail message, the computer program product comprising:

30 first instructions for determining whether the electronic mail message for a recipient is to be forwarded to another address associated with the recipient; and

second instructions for including an indicator

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identifying the electronic mail message as to be forwarded if the electronic mail message is to be forwarded to another address associated with the recipient.

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23. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for use in a data processing system for forwarding an electronic mail message, the data processing system comprising:

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first instructions for receiving a signal to forward the electronic mail message to another address; and second instructions for including an indication in the electronic mail message that the electronic mail message is forwarded from an address.

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